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**RESPONSE TO PAPER NUMBER 20 DATED JUNE 2, 2004**

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Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of Paper Number 20, mailed on June 2, 2004, which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner states that "a copy of (*sic*; the) Appeal Brief has not been received by the office" (Paper Number 20 at page 1). Applicants note for the record that an Appeal Brief was filed in triplicate in the present case on June 19, 2003, and was "received by the office" as evidenced by the return postcard stamped June 19, 2003 (**Exhibit A**). Therefore, as a copy of the Appeal Brief has not been scanned in or placed in the file in the present case, the Office has clearly lost the Appeal Brief. Nevertheless, in order to comply with the Examiner's request to Applicants of "furnishing a copy of (*sic*; the) Appeal Brief" (Paper Number 20 at page 1), Applicants provided herewith a copy of the Appeal Brief as originally filed on June 19, 2003 (**Exhibit B**).

Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

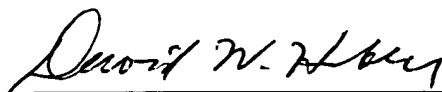
The present document is a full and complete response to Paper Number 20. Should Examiner Li

have any questions or comments, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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